

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS FURNISH FUNDS TO FIGHT T. B.

In her annual report, which forms an important part of the first year book of the South Carolina Tuberculosis Association just issued, Miss Chauncey Blackburn, the association's able secretary, sums up the big strides made by the association in the past twelve months. Coming at the time of the drive for the sale of Christmas Seals, the public is given some facts which should put the Palmetto state over its quota of \$65,000 with little effort.

"The selective draft left us," states Miss Blackburn, "with some definite facts that we have hitherto lacked and opened up for us possibilities of attaining some local statistics and using them to develop health consciousness in different communities. Our map shows over 900 men in this state turned down for tuberculosis, who were, for the most part, ignorant of their trouble."

"Some local boards," the report continues, "seem not to have turned down any tuberculosis men, while one small town had as many as 17." By cooperating with the Red Cross Home service and the state board, the Tuberculosis Association tried to locate these men and get in personal touch with them. Thirty of the men could not be located, five had died, 20 were persuaded to take sanitarium treatment and 75 made no changes. Over 100 are under nurses' supervision.

Lack of accommodation for those affected is shown by the state in the report that, "since the government has taken back the tents given the state for a unit to be placed on the grounds at the state sanitarium, we have lost our chance to get a vocational trainer in this camp, and we have nowhere to put the rejected men should they want treatment."

"Home service workers, community workers, the tuberculosis nurse of the state board and our local workers, white and colored, are our sole means of following up these cases."

"We have planned a survey, one part of which is to deal with the homes of tuberculosis soldiers in one county," states Miss Blackburn, who adds that the physician and nurse are ready. "It is pointed out that, with this start, it is hoped to next year have a county nurse. In this part

of our work," concludes the rejected soldier problem, "it is appalling to find so many advanced cases of tuberculosis never reported and so many incipients still unconvinced."

With provision made for a negro ward at the state sanitarium, strides have been made in the negro work through the tuberculosis department of the state board of health. "Up to this time," the secretary advises, "the only place to put them has been a small adjunct to the Sumter camp. To help in the collecting of a maintenance fund for the new ward, our association has offered our colored worker, Louise Holmes of Florence, who was engaged in the winter to help us with educational work among her own people."

The work among the children is an interesting part of the year's summary. It states:

"This being Children's year, we bent every energy to preventive work among them. Our literature, charts and talks were followed up by organized clubs, managed by teachers, with the cooperation of parents and our association, which puts out the material and keep records for the contests. In a campaign lasting since January, in which we were financially assisted by the Junior Red Cross, we have organized over 27,000 children, about one-sixth of our school enrollment. About 10,000 have promised to come in next fall. These clubs, endorsed by the state superintendent of education are functioning in 44 counties of the state in spite of the fact that we met with opposition so often on account of influenza conditions. The most encouraging thing was its entrance into Winthrop Training school, where so many teachers will become familiar with the system. The Modern Health crusade is a definite program of education in hygiene and sanitation in the public schools. It consists of a series of 11 health chores to be practiced daily by the children in home and school. The system of rewards is clever, attracting by the borrowed language and symbols of medieval chivalry. To promote competition in scoring on the health chores we ran a national tournament, known as "The Field of the Cloth of Gold," and a state silver tour-

ney with pennant rewards. To those organized too late for the fifteen and ten week jousts, we offered health charts for the class rooms."

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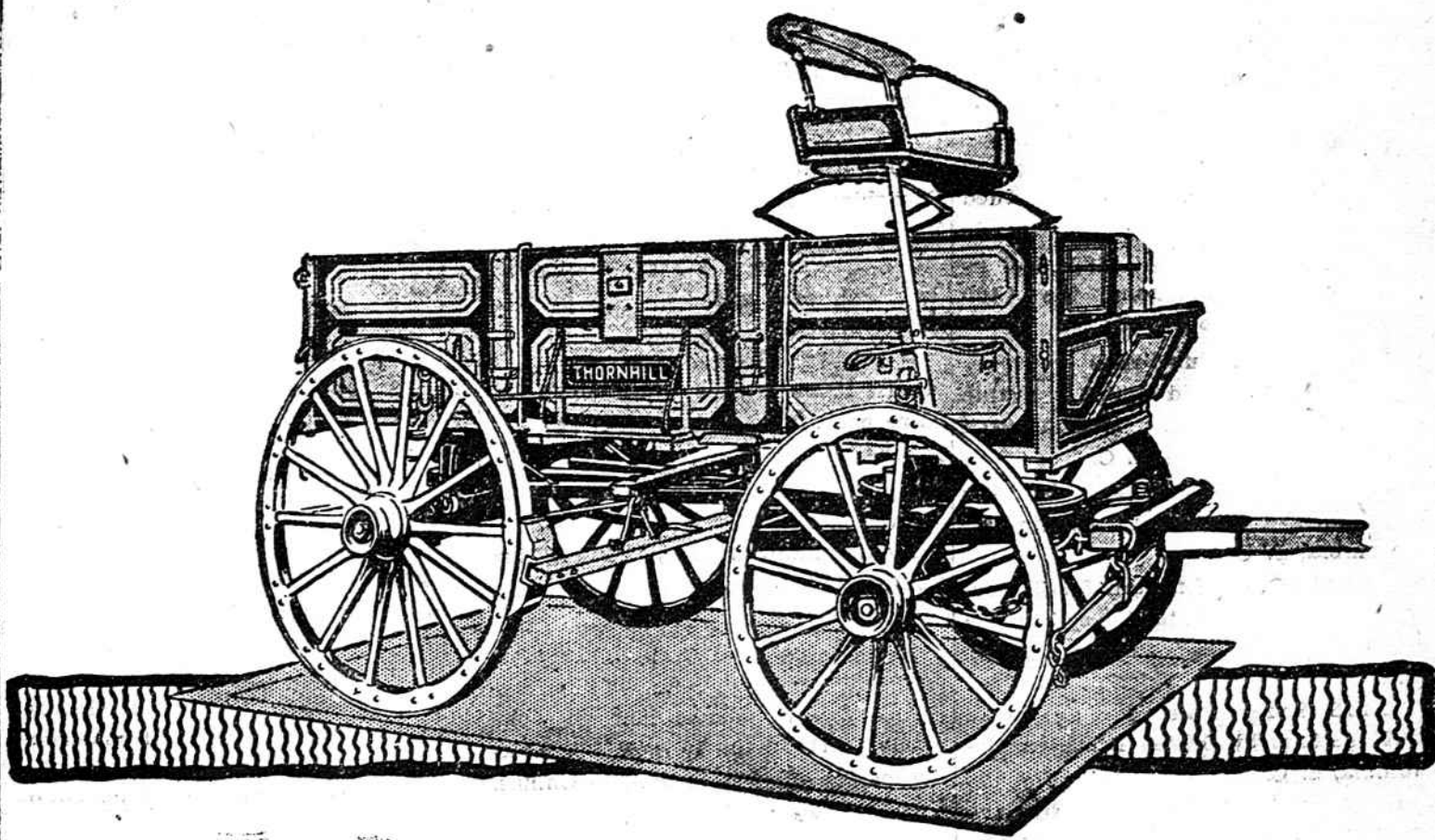
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